

THE HONORABLE ROBERT S. LASNIK

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
	)	No. CR20-036 RSL
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	ORDER GRANTING UNOPPOSED
	)	MOTION TO SCHEDULE GUILTY
JUAN JOSE VEGA-FLORES	)	PLEA HEARING VIA
	)	VIDEOCONFERENCE
Defendant.	)	

THE COURT has considered the unopposed motion of the parties to proceed forward with a guilty plea hearing via videoconference and finds that:

(a) Under General Order 04-20, felony pleas and sentencings may proceed by video or telephone if “the district judge in a particular case finds for specific reasons that the plea or sentencing in that case cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice.” A plea hearing in this case cannot be delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice; and

(b) Mr. Vega-Flores would like to take responsibility in this matter and resolve it in a timely fashion; and

(c) Mr. Vega-Flores wishes to enter a plea as soon as possible in light of anticipated delay associated with the COVID pandemic and a desire to alleviate presumptive backlogged court calendars following the COVID recovery process. Mr. Vega-Flores

1 understands that the Court may not be as able to accommodate a timely resolution of his case  
2 in the future as more cases are delayed; and

3 (d) a videoconference guilty plea hearing would avoid further delays in the ultimate  
4 sentencing in this case, which would cause “serious harm to the interests of justice.” See  
5 General Order No. 04-20 (3/30/20).

6 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this matter should be set for a guilty plea hearing  
7 via videoconference at the earliest practicable date.

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9 DONE this 20th day of January, 2021.

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11 ROBERT S. LASNIK  
12 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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14 Presented by:

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